

**The 2010 Peter A Wollitzer Advocacy Award Citation**  
**For Dr. James Langridge**  
**By Dr. Rob Castle**

The 2010 Peter A Wollitzer Advocacy Award continues the tradition of honouring a Forum member who has had exceptional influence in the international education field.

This year's recipient, Dr James Langridge, has created a significant international focus for the direction of international education within his own university, at a state and national level and in several countries around the world.

He has been a key player in transforming his university into a truly global university. He has driven/guided the international mission and has developed programs, student exchange agreements and off-shore operations in regions which were not on the radar for many of his counterparts.

In 1988, as one of a small number of Australians attending the annual NAFSA conference in Washington DC, Jim sought out key partnerships with leading US institutions to develop the University of Wollongong (UOW) Study Abroad and Exchange Program for both inbound and outbound students. Many of these partnerships have now entered their third decade with countless students from the USA and Australia gaining valuable international experience by studying overseas for a semester or more.

Jim has made a significant contribution to the growth of an international focus for Australian education. He is widely respected by his Australian peers and was a key player in the government and university advisory committees for the development of the current quality assurance framework and code of ethics for Australian universities. Jim was a member of the Board of IELTS Pty Ltd from 1999 and Board of IDP Education Pty Ltd from 2006-2008.

He was a Board member of the Australian Advisory Committee for CIEE from 1997. In 2003, Jim was appointed to the Board of the Forum on Education Abroad and he served on the Board until 2006. He provided a valuable international perspective and strong encouragement for the early goals of the Forum agenda. He volunteered the University of Wollongong to take part in the pilot testing of the Standards of Good Practice.

Jim's two decades of involvement in the boards of companies and organisations in the government and private education sector as well as in regional and economic development contributed to the establishment of significant international education linkages for Australia with other countries in the Asia-Pacific region. The ITC Group, with Jim at the helm, developed a global profile and was a successful bidder for various World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and AusAid contracts to develop an educational capacity in a number of developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region, including the reconstruction of East Timor.

Jim's broad experience across a diverse range of countries in the Asia-Pacific region, the Middle East and North America provides a unique legacy of influence in the international educational field. His pioneering efforts to build opportunities for Australian students and his success in mastering the complexities of doing business across such a broad range of countries is worthy of recognition.